

# THE CRESCENT CITY NEWS.

## Crescent City

One of the most beautiful locations in Florida. The town is in the southwestern part of Putnam county, 3 miles from Palatka, and is reached by either steamer or railroad. Crescent City lies on high ground which rises gradually from the west bank of Crescent Lake, a beautiful sheet of clear water is miles in length and from three to five miles in width. The place is well built on a high and level site, the former constituting a portion of the town and six blocks in width lying between two lakes—the Crescent in the east and Lake Stella in the west. The level of Lake Stella is 42 feet higher than that of Lake Crescent thus affording perfect drainage. The water in Lake Stella has its source in springs and is kept absolutely pure by the town authorities who have made it a misdemeanor to pollute it in any way.

The Plant System Railway touches the west bank of Lake Stella two miles from the town and a little steamer conveys passengers and freight to and from the town and Crescent City Junction, the railway station. The trip by steamer from Palatka or Jacksonville is one of the most delightful water rides in the whole country, and the passenger who takes this trip is held entranced from start to finish. At a point nine miles south of Palatka the steamer leaves the St. Johns and enters the river, a rather rapid current of water flows through the river, a thick growth of cypress, ash and palmetto—a variable forest principal. The river's current are sharp and frequent and there is never a long reach of water in sight. After nine miles of travel through the stream the steamer enters the broad and beautiful Lake Crescent. A run of an hour and a half lands the passenger at Crescent City. The steamer's southernmost landing, the boat leaves Jacksonville at 2 a. m., every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; Palatka at 3 p. m. the same days. Returning the boat leaves Crescent City on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a. m., arriving at Palatka at 10 a. m. and Jacksonville at 12:30 p. m. No person ever took the steamer Crescent for Crescent City, and the experience of new seasons of pleasure and excitement at the little city makes any man or woman a life long lover of the place.

In the town proper are some of the most beautiful homes to be found in the state and the people are cultured and progressive. There is a good school, two churches—Episcopal and Presbyterian—and two good hotels, besides pleasant private homes where board can be obtained. Hotel and boarding house prices are moderate. The people have provided well-kept golf courses for the entertainment of those who like this amusement. Crescent City has more orange groves than any other town in the county. Orange culture is the leading occupation of the people and the quality of this fruit has long been regarded as superior to that of any other in the state. Almost every citizen of the place has a well-kept grove, many of which occupy several acres and the fruit is sold in the larger cities of the state. Living is cheaper than almost any other town in the state.

The streets are lined with shade trees and the native live oaks, and broad shell walks are laid on the principal thoroughfares. Bicycle paths lead in many directions.

Parties in Crescent City desiring to subscribe for this paper or wishing to renew their subscriptions thereto, may leave their names and money with Mr. D. E. Williams, publisher.

Crescent City, FLORIDA, for the WEEK ENDING MAY 30, 1904.—E. D. WILLIAMS, PUBLISHER.

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Personal and Social.

A little rain on Sunday—but not enough to do any good, or harm.

Mrs. Dr. Hastings is entertaining Mrs. Joost and her two children from Jacksonville.

Mrs. W. R. Saunders is entertaining her daughter, who arrived on Saturday last from the west.

Mrs. J. F. Rhoads returned on Saturday evening from an extended visit with friends in Jacksonville.

Messrs. C. H. Gutter, W. B. Campbell and C. Webb spent Monday in Palatka on business matters.

A. B. Torrey had cantaloupes from his garden last week. His watermelons will be in the market in a few days.

The saw mill has been quite busy during the past week, and the song of the saw has been pleasant music in the summer quiet of the town.

S. L. Benham's residence on Park street has been painted during the past week, and in its new dress presents a most attractive appearance.

The fence has also been re-painted.

James Padgett Jr. has a new Hambletonian stallion, 4 years old, and one of the handsomest horses ever seen in this section. The horse was purchased in Palatka last week.

L. A. Ballard's peaches are being shipped this week, or at least a part of them. Blaine Shiver has charge of their shipment. The peaches are smaller than usual owing to the long drowth.

The steamer Crescent was laid up in Palatka a part of last week having had the misfortune to break her propeller in making the landing at Orange Mills, where it struck a log. The steamer only missed one trip, and was running again by Saturday.

Dr. H. C. Welch is expected back from Kentucky this week to resume practice on the peninsula. During his absence the doctor has spent much of his time at the home of his parents, Nicholasville, Ky., and reports say he is much improved in health.

A. Josselyn left for his home in Massachusetts last Monday morning. Mr. Josselyn has spent 25 winters, and several summer seasons as well, in Crescent City, and is therefore a pioneer of the place. He states that he will return early in the fall. He will spend most of his summer at Onset, on Buzzards Bay.

Lon Prevatt of Seville was in town Saturday with some peaches of the Peento variety. Mr. Prevatt states that the truckers on the lake Louisa muck lands have generally been disappointed in their potato crops this year, owing to the fertilizer used. The fruit crop he also states will be insignificant owing to the drowth.

Mr. Willie Miller is expected home from the Agricultural College at Lake City on the 12th inst. He entered the college last fall, during the summer he will assist his father in the store, and the base ball boys also are counting on him for help. While in college Willie has been a reserve player on the Lake City nine, the "crack" team of the state.

FOR SALE.—Cottage on the beach at Oklawaha, 300 feet south of Hotel Oklawaha, 6 rooms—in good condition. Will be sold cheap, on easy terms. Apply S. L. BENHAM, Crescent City, Fla.

Increased Capacity.

The change in the refrigerating plant of the C. H. Preston Co. will give that firm a 50 per cent increase in its ice making capacity and enables the room for perishables. The plant will be finished this week and in its completed form will not have its duplicate in a retail store in Florida.

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## HUNTINGTON LETTER.

The dry weather continues and the gardens, with but few exceptions are all dead, and the wells are very low; however, we are promised "rain above the average" for June so we keep our courage up.

Mr. Ernest Walker has shipped 300 crates of peaches from the Huntington estate and is still shipping. But for the drought the fruit would have been much finer, both as to size and quality.

Mr. Carter has bought the Gessett place, and some adjacent land. This place, which has been inhabited for the last fifteen years and has become but a memory to some of us, is situated on the Georgetown road, a little south of the Henry Smith grove. We shall be very glad to see it brought to life again. There is a little house upon it, and it is capable under Mr. Carter's skilled and energetic treatment, of becoming a pretty little "home in the woods."

Mr. Will Walker, who has been quite ill for some time is able to be out again.

Miss Corrie Cheatham has been visiting Mrs. J. L. Maull, of Crescent City.

Mrs. Frank Clark and son expect to visit Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. Long, in Macon, Ga., soon. We hope she will find the change of scene and air highly beneficial.

PUTNAM.

CONSTIPATED BOWELS.

To have good health, the body should be kept in a laxative condition, and the bowels moved at least once a day, so that all the poisonous wastes are expelled daily. Mr. G. L. Edwards, 142 N. Main St., Wichita, Kansas, writes: "I have used Herbine to regulate the liver and bowels for the past ten years, and found it a reliable remedy." See per bottle at Ackerman & Stewart's, Palatka, and Lounds' drug store, Crescent City.

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VANDERBILT BUYS NEW AUTO.

Machine Purchased in Germany is Guaranteed to Go Seventy-Six Miles an Hour All Day.

W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., arrived in Paris two weeks ago, but only remained two days, trying new automobiles. Then he went to Cannet, Germany, where he had had specially constructed a machine guaranteed to maintain a 76-mile speed all day. After testing it, Mr. Vanderbilt accepted it, and drove the machine to Stuttgart, two and one-half miles, and thence to Metz, 150 miles in less than eight hours. He finished the trip from Metz to Paris, 263 miles, the next day.

He declares his intention to enter all the long-distance contests this summer, and go over the Paris-Berlin course, simply for the satisfaction of seeing if he can beat Fournier's famous record.

Debt of Greater New York.

Prior to consolidation the net funded debt of the city of New York—Manhattan and the Bronx—was \$128,000,000; of Brooklyn, \$75,000,000; of Richmond, \$3,000,000, and Queens borough, \$8,000,000, a total of \$224,000,000. The present debt of the greater city is \$294,000,000, an increase of \$70,000,000 in four years. Paris owes \$400,000,000.

Latest Fad in Note-paper.

The latest luxurious fad of Parisians is note paper with flowers, stalks and shadow, painted in water colors and the blossom artistically embroidered in colored silks. The novelty is the invention of Stehle, a designer of the artistic costumes.

Road Perseverance.

Cecil Rhodes has left a few millions for imperial education, and the Chicago Chronicle remarks that the Boers quietly persist in their plan of teaching the young idea how to shoot.

DANCE STOPPED FOR PRAYER.

Guests of Young Women at Pochuck. N. Y. Treated to a Real Surprise by the Father.

The Misses Gowdy, who live near Pochuck, N. Y., are much mortified because their father converted a dance into a prayer meeting. Thirty young people unexpectedly called on Misses Gowdy in the evening and brought with them two violin players and several hampers of refreshments. An old-fashioned country dance was soon in progress.

When the merriment was at its height Mr. Gowdy stalked into the room. "Stop your fiddling," he commanded the musicians. The music ceased and the guests stood in wonderment.

Mr. Gowdy then announced that a prayer meeting would be held. He started in by making a long prayer. Then he called on several young men, who answered the call by offering short prayers. There was no merriment and the eatables were left untouched.

Still They Come.

Marconigram, etherogram, aerogram and numerous other inventions for wireless messages are objectionable, but says the Chicago Chronicle, there seems to be no valid objection to the simple truth of "algram."

The Yankee Peril.

England's supply of King Edward coronation souvenir buttons will be manufactured in this country, and the Chicago Record-Herald says, the Yankee peril is still on.

Hot Weather Weakness.

If you feel fagged out, listless and lacking in energy, you are perhaps suffering from the debilitating effects of summer-heat. These symptoms indicate that a tonic is needed that will create a healthy appetite, make digestion perfect, regulate the bowels and impart natural activity to the liver. This Herbine will do it; it is a tonic, laxative and restorative. H. J. Froegard, prop. Grand View Hotel, Cheney, Kan., writes: "I have used Herbine for the last 12 years, and nothing on earth can beat it. It was recommended to me by Dr. Newton, Newton, Kan." See at Ackerman & Stewart's, Palatka, and Lounds' drug store, Crescent City.

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## "Hope for the Children."

Editor PALATKA NEWS:

In your recent editorial, "Hope for the Children," in which you commented on the doctrine of "infant salvation" as held by the Presbyterian church, you classed yourself among the "ordinary mortals who have not had the benefits of a theological training." And so, you will not think it presumptuous in me to correct some of your impressions and statements on the position of the Presbyterian church.

The clause in the Confession of Faith which sets forth the doctrine in question is as follows: "Elect infants, dying in infancy, are regenerated and saved by Christ, through the spirit, who worketh when, and where and how we please." It occurs in the chapter on "effectual calling," which describes how human beings are saved. It is the mysterious work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration. "Elect infants" living through infancy, and growing up, are saved by the work of the Holy Spirit and by their own acts of faith, repentance and conversion. "Elect infants" dying in infancy, and all other elect persons who are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the word—that is, infants who die and infants who grow up idiots and imbeciles—cannot understand, believe, repent and convert, and so are saved by regeneration and the blood of Christ, but without any acts of their own.

Infants and idiots, as well as adults, have a place in God's plan of salvation. They are saved, not because they are innocent, but because Jesus came to seek them, as by nature being among those that were lost, and because "it is not the will of your father in heaven that one of these little ones should perish." The Presbyterian standards are the only ones which furnish the scriptural ground for the salvation of infants who die and of idiots. And this is the significance and value of this clause in the confession, which is a perversion and doing so much reckless talking about.

Very many in the Presbyterian church are stoutly resisting even the slightest modification of the "elect infant" clause—the writer is one of them—because they resent the idea that this clause is capable of being construed into teaching anything so abominable as "infant damnation" (words no where found in the confession). And many good Presbyterians are working to modify the clause, to satisfy a desire for the church to discard "certain unduly sensitive about it, and are deeply grieved by the baseless imputation of the thoughtless and unfriendly, and wish to revise in a manner suited to silence forever the inferences of men and the misgivings of some of the members of the church.

Very Respectfully,

THOS. P. HAY.

NOTES FROM ENGLAND.

The metropolitan police of London look after 8,200 miles of roads and streets.

Of the 6,700 Britons killed at their work during the year 1900, no less than 3,899 were seamen.

There are in the United Kingdom for each 100 people five horses, 25 cattle, 70 sheep and ten pigs.

London's 20 leading hotels accommodate about 8,400 visitors every night and constantly employ 4,500 servants.

Of the 1,315 changes in wages of British workmen during 1900, 1,276 were increases. These changes affected 2,750,000 of workmen.

Switzerland had the coldest day of any British station during last year. On January 9 the thermometer marked two degrees below zero.

Among the freaks at a ladies' kennel club show recently was a setter with four false teeth of gold, in the middle of which was set a large diamond.

The average age of the British millionaires who died last year was 72; of those who died in 1900, 74½ years. Baron Armstrong, aged 90, was the oldest.

The corporation of Dover recently discussed the circumstances of the arbitration proceedings between the municipality and the Kent county council. The sum in dispute between the town and the county authorities is only about £30, while the law costs amount to nearly £2,500. Sir Wallaston Knocker, the town clerk, reported the cost of the arbitration worked out at over one pound per minute.

The Cause of Baldness.

Pigmentophoria is a name which has been applied by Mr. Metchnikoff, a bacteriologist, to certain micro-organisms which he claims devour the coloring pigments of the hair and are the cause of baldness.

QUESTION ANSWERED.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. For centuries and generations never thought of using anything else for indigestion or biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of appendicitis, nervous prostration or heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of the undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that it all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You need only a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. You can get this reliable remedy at Lounds' Drug Store, Crescent City. Get Green's Special Attention.

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WE DON'T HAVE

We expended \$3,000 to put ourselves in better shape than any other retail dealer in the state and the condition of goods purchased of us show the purpose was attained.

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